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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Committee on Environment and Public Works Agrees  
to CIA Exemption to S.2186, Public Buildings  
Amendments of 1988

1. Britt Snider, SSCI minority counsel, early last week advised that he had talked with the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works about a possible exemption to subject bill. He reported that he had not been able to persuade the staff that an exemption was required. He suggested that I get in touch with them directly to discuss Agency concerns.

2. I subsequently spoke with Helen Kalbaugh of the Committee on Environmental and Public Works and persuaded her that three provisions contained in the bill would seriously undermine Agency cover (see attached "colloquy" for basis of Agency problems) and contravene the DCI's special authorities. Kalbaugh called back on 19 April to inform me that the staff could support an Agency exemption. She advised me, however, that the bill would be reported out of Committee on 22 April and that an Agency exemption would require a Senate floor amendment. According to Kalbaugh, Senator Burdick, Committee Chairman, could be persuaded to introduce the amendment if we could provide the staff with the amendment language and a statement covering Agency problems to be used on the Senate floor. [redacted] immediately wrote the amendment and the floor statement. (attached) When I hand delivered to Kalbaugh on the afternoon of the 19th, she asked if, while I was there, I could run through the problems again for the benefit of two other staffers from the Committee.

3. Kalbaugh and the staffers assured me that they understood the reasons for the Agency exemption and could support it. They will ask Senator Burdick to introduce the amendment during Senate debate on the bill. Since he had already agreed, the staff thought his support would be forthcoming. I informed Britt Snider of the agreement and sent him a copy of the material provided to Kalbaugh. I promised to keep Snider informed.

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